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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 17a-3b of the 2022 supplement to the general
- 2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 3 (*Effective October 1, 2022*):
- 4 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall [implement the
- 5 operational plan developed pursuant to section 2 of public act 21-174 to]
- 6 establish an [education] <u>administrative</u> unit within the Department of
- 7 Children and Families [,] to provide oversight for the education of any
- 8 child who resides in any juvenile justice facility and any incarcerated
- 9 child. The Commissioner of Children and Families shall administer,
- 10 coordinate and control the operations of the unit and be responsible for
- 11 the overall supervision and direction of all [courses and] activities of the
- 12 unit.
- 13 (b) The commissioner, or his or her designee, shall:
- 14 (1) Have the power to employ and dismiss staff [and, as a board of

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- 15 education would in accordance with the applicable provisions of section
- 16 10-151, such teachers as are] for the administrative unit as necessary to
- 17 carry out the intent of this section and to pay their salaries; [, or to
- 18 contract with local or regional boards of education or educational
- 19 service providers for the purpose of providing educational services to
- 20 children being served by the unit;]
- 21 (2) Develop and review quarterly reports, which shall be available to
- 22 the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee established
- 23 pursuant to section 46b-121n, as amended by this act, on academic
- 24 performance, school discipline, attendance and other similar issues
- concerning students educated [by] <u>under the oversight of</u> the unit;
- 26 (3) Have the power to contract with providers of educational services
- 27 for compilation, at least semiannually, of performance data to ensure
- 28 that reporting measures are tailored to experiences of students in short
- 29 and long-term placements in juvenile justice facilities;
- 30 (4) Require providers of educational services to develop partnerships
- 31 and programs with local educational agencies, private educational
- 32 providers and local industries and businesses;
- 33 (5) Report student performance data, attendance and rates of
- 34 participation for all education programs and document transition
- 35 activities and outcomes and collaborations with community service
- 36 providers and parents to the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight
- 37 Committee established pursuant to section 46b-121n, as amended by
- 38 <u>this act</u>;
- 39 (6) (A) Ensure that students have access to earn credits toward high
- 40 school graduation and have access to arts and career and technical
- 41 education courses, state-wide and college preparatory testing, and (B)
- 42 provide alternative options for high school equivalency certificates for
- 43 students who are twenty years of age or older with insufficient credits
- 44 to meet graduation requirements pursuant to section 10-221a; and
- 45 (7) Enable students to have access to web-based content including

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46 credit recovery programs to allow students to earn a credit for a course
 47 he or she did not satisfactorily complete.

- (c) The commissioner may employ within the unit transition specialists whose primary responsibility is to facilitate the successful transition of children from their communities to secure facilities and then back to their local educational program upon release. Transition specialists shall:
- (1) Collaborate with local and regional boards of education, governing councils of a state or local charter school, interdistrict magnet school operators and agencies that serve the needs of children, employers and other community supports for reentry to plan and manage successful transitions between the unit, the student's previous school and the school the student will enroll in upon leaving oversight of the unit;
- (2) Manage and track the educational credits of a student who is in an out-of-home placement and document the success of a placement following a student's reentry into his or her community; and
- (3) Be responsible for communicating with the reentry coordinators who appear on a list pursuant to section 10-253a, whose primary responsibility is to support educational success in students returning to the community from juvenile justice system custody and who shall ensure all information regarding the education of a child under the oversight of the unit is communicated to the school the student will enroll in upon leaving juvenile justice system custody.
- (d) The [education] <u>administrative</u> unit shall ensure that the school the student will enroll in, after the unit's obligation to provide services to the student ends, provides services and supports that maximize the student's success.
- (e) The [education] <u>administrative</u> unit shall employ a uniform system of state-wide electronic record transfers for maintaining and sharing educational records for any child who resides in a juvenile

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- 77 justice facility and any incarcerated child in an educational program to
- be overseen by a directory manager as designated by the commissioner.
- 79 Such system shall be aligned with recommendations by the
- 80 Individualized Education Program Advisory Council established
- 81 pursuant to section 10-76nn.

- Sec. 2. Section 10-220h of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 7 of public act 21-174, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2022):
 - (a) When a student enrolls in a school in a new school district or in a new state charter school, the new school district or new state charter school shall provide written notification of such enrollment to the school district in which the student previously attended school or the state charter school the student previously attended not later than two business days after the student enrolls. The school district in which the student previously attended school or the state charter school that the student previously attended (1) shall transfer the student's education records to the new school district or new state charter school no later than ten days after receipt of such notification, and (2) if the student's parent or guardian did not give written authorization for the transfer of such records, shall send notification of the transfer to the parent or guardian at the same time that it transfers the records.
 - (b) In the case of a student placed in any juvenile justice facility and any incarcerated student being educated under the oversight of the [education] <u>administrative</u> unit established pursuant to section 17a-3b, <u>as amended by this act</u>, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall immediately upon placement of such student in such facility or under incarceration, inform the student's previous school of such placement. The school district in which the student previously attended school or the state charter school that the student previously attended shall, not later than five days after notification of such placement or incarceration, transfer the student's education records to the [education] administrative unit.

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- (d) The new school district or new state charter school shall, not later than thirty days after receiving the student's education records, credit the student for all instruction received in Unified School District #1, Unified School District #2 or the [education] <u>administrative</u> unit established pursuant to section 17a-3b, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 3. Subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of section 46b-121n of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2022):
- (a) There is established a Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee. The committee shall evaluate policies related to the juvenile justice system and the expansion of juvenile jurisdiction to include persons sixteen and seventeen years of age.
- 134 (b) The committee shall consist of the following members:
- 135 (1) Two members of the General Assembly, one of whom shall be 136 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, and one of 137 whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 138 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing 139 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

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- 140 relating to the judiciary, children, human services and appropriations,
- 141 or their designees;
- 142 (3) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court
- 143 Administrator's designee;
- 144 (4) A judge of the superior court for juvenile matters, appointed by
- the Chief Justice;
- 146 (5) The executive director of the Court Support Services Division of
- the Judicial Department, or the executive director's designee;
- 148 (6) The executive director of the Superior Court Operations Division,
- or the executive director's designee;
- 150 (7) The Chief Public Defender, or the Chief Public Defender's
- 151 designee;
- 152 (8) The Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's
- 153 designee;
- 154 (9) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
- 155 commissioner's designee;
- 156 (10) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's
- 157 designee;
- 158 (11) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;
- 159 (12) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
- the commissioner's designee;
- 161 (13) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
- 162 (14) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
- 163 designee;
- 164 (15) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
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(16) The president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, or the 166 167 president's designee; 168 (17) The chief of police of a municipality with a population in excess 169 of one hundred thousand, appointed by the president of the Connecticut 170 Police Chiefs Association; 171 (18) Two child or youth advocates, one of whom shall be appointed 172 by one chairperson of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight 173 Committee, and one of whom shall be appointed by the other 174 chairperson of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee; 175 (19) Two parents or parent advocates, at least one of whom is the 176 parent of a child who has been involved with the juvenile justice system, 177 one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of 178 Representatives, and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority 179 leader of the Senate; 180 (20) The Victim Advocate, or the Victim Advocate's designee; 181 (21) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee; [and] (22) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the 182 secretary's designee; and 183 184 (23) Four persons appointed by the chairpersons of the Juvenile 185 Justice and Oversight Commission, who are able to provide a voice for those living in communities of high juvenile arrest rates, including two 186 187 of whom are under twenty-six years of age and have been impacted by 188 the juvenile justice system. 189 (c) Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. 190 (d) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the 191 secretary's designee, and a member of the General Assembly selected

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jointly by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president

pro tempore of the Senate from among the members serving pursuant

to subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of this section shall be

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- 195 cochairpersons of the committee. Such cochairpersons shall schedule 196 the first meeting of the committee, which shall be held not later than 197 sixty days after June 13, 2014.
- 198 (e) Members of the committee shall serve without compensation, 199 except for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Additionally, members described in subdivision (23) of 200 201 subsection (b) of this section, shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred 202 in order to attend a meeting of the commission, including, but not 203 limited to, transportation and child care costs.
- 204 Sec. 4. Section 54-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the 205 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 206 (a) This section and section 54-1m, as amended by this act, shall be 207 known as the "Alvin W. Penn Racial Profiling Prohibition Act".
- 208 (b) For the purposes of this section, "racial profiling" means the 209 detention, interdiction or other disparate treatment of an individual 210 [solely on the basis of the racial or ethnic status of such individual] by a 211 police officer on the basis, in whole or in part, of the perceived racial or 212 ethnic status of such individual, except when such status is used in 213 combination with other identifying factors in an effort to find and 214 apprehend a specific suspect whose racial or ethnic status is part of the 215 description of the suspect.
 - (c) No member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, a municipal police department or any other law enforcement agency shall engage in racial profiling. [The detention of an individual based on any noncriminal factor or combination of noncriminal factors is inconsistent with this policy.]

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[(d) The race or ethnicity of an individual shall not be the sole factor in determining the existence of probable cause to place in custody or arrest an individual or in constituting a reasonable and articulable suspicion that an offense has been or is being committed so as to justify

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Sec. 5. Section 54-1m of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) Each municipal police department, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and any other department with authority to conduct a traffic or pedestrian stop shall adopt a written policy that prohibits the stopping, detention, interdiction or search of any person when such action is [solely] motivated, in whole or in part, by considerations of race, color, ethnicity, age, gender or sexual orientation, [and such action would constitute a violation of the civil rights of the person] except when such status is used in combination with other identifying factors in an effort to find and apprehend a specific suspect whose race, color, ethnicity, age or gender is part of the description of the suspect. For the purposes of this section: (1) "Department with authority to conduct a traffic or pedestrian stop" means any department that includes, or has oversight of, a police officer, and (2) "police officer" means a police officer within a municipal police department or the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or a person with the same authority pursuant to any provision of the general statutes to make arrests or issue citations for violation of any statute or regulation relating to motor vehicles and to enforce said statutes and regulations as policemen or state policemen have in their respective jurisdictions, including, but not limited to: (A) Special policemen or state policemen acting under the provisions of section 29-18, 17a-24 or 17a-465; (B) policemen acting under the provisions of section 29-19; (C) the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, each deputy commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles and any salaried inspector of motor vehicles designated by the commissioner pursuant to section 14-8; (D) State Capitol Police officers acting under the provisions of section 2-1f; (E) special police forces acting under the provisions of section 10a-156b; (F) state policemen acting under the provisions of section 27-107; and (G) fire police officers acting under the provisions of section 7-313a.

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263 <u>accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 concerning the collection</u>

264 and reporting of data required under subsection (c) of this section.

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[(b)] (c) Not later than [July 1, 2013] October 1, 2022, the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with the Racial Profiling Prohibition Project Advisory Board, [established in section 54-1s,] and the Criminal Justice Information System Governing Board shall, within available resources, develop and implement a standardized method:

(1) To be used by police officers of municipal police departments, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and any other department with authority to conduct a traffic or pedestrian stop to record traffic or pedestrian stop information unless the police officer is required to leave the location of the stop prior to completing such form in order to respond to an emergency or due to some other exigent circumstance within the scope of such police officer's duties. The standardized method and any form developed and implemented pursuant to such standardized method shall allow the following information to be recorded: (A) The date and time of the stop; (B) the specific geographic location of the stop; (C) the unique identifying number of the police officer making the stop, or the name and title of the person making the stop if such person does not have a unique identifying number; (D) the race, color, ethnicity, age and gender of the operator of the motor vehicle or pedestrian that is stopped, provided the identification of such characteristics shall be based on the observation and perception of the police officer responsible for reporting the stop; (E) the nature of the alleged [traffic violation or other] violation that caused the stop to be made and the statutory citation for such violation; (F) the disposition of the stop including whether a warning, citation or summons was issued, whether a search was conducted, the authority for any search conducted, the result of any search conducted, the statute or regulation citation for any warning, citation or summons issued and whether a custodial arrest was made; and (G) any other information

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deemed appropriate. The method shall also provide for (i) notice to be given to the person stopped that if such person believes that such person has been stopped, detained or subjected to a search [solely because of] on the basis, in whole or in part, of such person's race, color, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or membership in any other protected class, such person may file a complaint with the appropriate law enforcement agency unless the police officer was required to leave the location of the stop prior to providing such notice in order to respond to an emergency or due to some other exigent circumstance within the scope of such police officer's duties, and (ii) instructions to be given to the person stopped on how to file such complaint unless the police officer was required to leave the location of the stop prior to providing such instructions in order to respond to an emergency or due to some other exigent circumstance within the scope of such police officer's duties;

- (2) To be used to report complaints pursuant to this section by any person who believes such person has been subjected to a motor vehicle or pedestrian stop by a police officer [solely] on the basis, in whole or in part, of race, color, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation or religion; and
- (3) To be used by each municipal police department, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and any other department with authority to conduct a traffic <u>or pedestrian</u> stop to report data to the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to subsection [(h)] (i) of this section.
- [(c)] (d) Not later than [July 1, 2013] October 1, 2022, the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with the Racial Profiling Prohibition Project Advisory Board, shall develop and implement guidelines to be used by each municipal police department, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and any other department with authority to conduct a traffic or pedestrian stop in (1) training police officers of such agency in the completion of the form developed and implemented pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection

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[(b)] (c) of this section, and (2) evaluating the information collected by

- 328 police officers of such municipal police department, the Department of
- 329 Emergency Services and Public Protection or other department with
- authority to conduct a traffic <u>or pedestrian</u> stop pursuant to subsection
- [(e)] (f) of this section for use in the counseling and training of such
- police officers.

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- [(d)] (e) (1) Prior to the date a standardized method and form have been developed and implemented pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection [(b)] (c) of this section, each municipal police department, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and any other department with authority to conduct a traffic stop shall [, using the form developed and promulgated pursuant to the provisions of subsection (h) in effect on January 1, 2012, record and retain the following information: (A) The number of persons stopped for traffic violations; (B) characteristics of race, color, ethnicity, gender and age of such persons, provided the identification of such characteristics shall be based on the observation and perception of the police officer responsible for reporting the stop and the information shall not be required to be provided by the person stopped; (C) the nature of the alleged traffic violation that resulted in the stop; (D) whether a warning or citation was issued, an arrest made or a search conducted as a result of the stop; and (E) any additional information that such municipal police department, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or any other department with authority to conduct a traffic stop, as the case may be, deems appropriate, provided such information shall not include any other identifying information about any person stopped for a traffic violation such as the person's operator's license number, name or address] report data in accordance with the standardized method in effect on October 1, 2013.
 - (2) On and after the date a standardized method and form have been developed and implemented pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection [(b)] (c) of this section, each municipal police department, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and any other department with authority to conduct a traffic or pedestrian stop shall

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record and retain the information required to be recorded pursuant to such standardized method and any additional information that such municipal police department or the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or other department with authority to conduct a traffic or pedestrian stop, as the case may be, deems appropriate, provided such information shall not include any other identifying information about any person stopped for a traffic violation such as the person's operator's license number, name or address.

- [(e)] (f) Each municipal police department, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and any other department with authority to conduct a traffic or pedestrian stop shall provide to the Chief State's Attorney and the Office of Policy and Management (1) a copy of each complaint received pursuant to this section, and (2) written notification of the review and disposition of such complaint. No copy of such complaint shall include any other identifying information about the complainant such as the complainant's operator's license number, name or address.
- [(f)] (g) Any police officer who in good faith records traffic or pedestrian stop information pursuant to the requirements of this section shall not be held civilly liable for the act of recording such information unless the officer's conduct was unreasonable or reckless.
- [(g)] (h) If a municipal police department, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or any other department with authority to conduct a traffic <u>or pedestrian</u> stop fails to comply with the provisions of this section, the Office of Policy and Management shall recommend and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may order an appropriate penalty in the form of the withholding of state funds from such municipal police department, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or such other department with authority to conduct a traffic <u>or pedestrian</u> stop.
- [(h) Not later than October 1, 2012, each municipal police department and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall

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provide to the Office of Policy and Management a summary report of the information recorded pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.] (i) On and after October 1, [2013] 2022, each municipal police department, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and any other department with authority to conduct a traffic or pedestrian stop shall provide to the Office of Policy and Management a monthly report of the information recorded pursuant to subsection [(d)] (c) of this section for each traffic or pedestrian stop conducted, in a format prescribed by the Office of Policy and Management. On and after [January 1, 2015] October 1, 2022, such information shall be submitted in electronic form, and shall be submitted in electronic form prior to said date to the extent practicable.

- [(i)] (j) The Office of Policy and Management shall, within available resources, review the prevalence and disposition of traffic <u>and pedestrian</u> stops and complaints reported pursuant to this section, including any traffic stops conducted on suspicion of a violation of section 14-227a, 14-227g, 14-227m or 14-227n. Not later than July 1, [2014] <u>2023</u>, and annually thereafter, the office shall report the results of any such review, including any recommendations, to the Governor, the General Assembly and any other entity deemed appropriate. The Office of Policy and Management shall make such report publicly available on the office's Internet web site.
- (k) For purposes of this section, "pedestrian stop" means a detention of a pedestrian by a police officer, not associated with a call for service, when the detention results in a citation, an arrest, a frisking or search of the pedestrian's body or property, but does not include a detention for routine searches performed at a point of entry or exit from a controlled area or an arrest or search pursuant to a warrant issued by a judge of the Superior Court.
- Sec. 6. Section 46b-121s of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 424 (a) There shall be a community-based diversion system developed,

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- 425 <u>and expanded, as necessary,</u> pursuant to subsection (k) of section 46b-426 121n.
- (b) On and after July 1, 2022, any police officer who encounters a child
 engaged in any behavior constituting a violation of section 53a-110a or
 53a-181a, shall, instead of arresting such child, refer such child to the
 community-based diversion system for a first or second offense.
- (c) On and after July 1, 2023, any police officer who encounters a child engaged in any behavior constituting a violation of section 53a-110a, 53a-125a, 53a-125b, 53a-181a or 53a-182, shall, instead of arresting such child, refer such child to the community-based diversion system for a first or second offense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	17a-3b
Sec. 2	October 1, 2022	10-220h
Sec. 3	October 1, 2022	46b-121n(a) to (e)
Sec. 4	from passage	54-1 <i>l</i>
Sec. 5	from passage	54-1m
Sec. 6	from passage	46b-121s

Statement of Purpose:

To enact the recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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